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Jesus Christ, Our Sin-Bearer

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"The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh (beareth) away the sin of the world."—John 1:29.

Jesus Christ is the "Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." God knew before He stretched forth the heavens that man would sin and that as a sinner, he would need a Saviour.

Jesus came into the world to die on the cross and become the Saviour of men. There are many people who do not like to talk about the death of Jesus. They make light of the atonement; they laugh at the doctrine of substitution, and in scorn they speak of the "Faith of our Fathers" as "slaughterhouse religion." But, my friends, Christianity is a bloody religion, the plan of salvation is a bloody plan, the Bible is a bloody book; there is a crimson stream flowing from Genesis through Revelation.

As soon as Adam and Eve sinned in the garden they made aprons of fig leaves in an attempt to hide the truth from God. It seems that from that very time until today whenever a sinner has looked upon his sinful state, he has tried to hide the truth. Some men are clothed in the garments of morality, or philanthropy and good deeds. But God says that all the righteousness of such an one is as filthy rags.

Men try to justify themselves through works, through education, and culture and even through philosophy and science; but just as God looked down through those fig leaves, He looks down through your education and philosophy and culture and science into your sinful heart. As good as all these things may be, He looks down through them into your heart and knows you just as you are. But God went into the fields and slew animals and provided tunics of skin for Adam and Eve, and from that time until today whenever a sinner has found himself shielded and protected from the wrath of a holy God it has been through

faith in shed blood, and "without the shedding of blood there is no remission."

In the fourth chapter of the Bible we find that "the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering: But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect" (Gen. 4:4, 5). That was the dispensation of conscience. If you will come with me in your imagination as we pass into the period of human government, we will find Noah placing blood between him and his sins. Genesis 8:20 tells us that "Noah builded an altar unto the Lord; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt-offerings on the altar." In the next dispensation we have the first passover when all the first-born of Israel were slain by blood. When God said to Moses, "When I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you." In the dispensation of law it was with blood that the high priest went into the holy of holies and there he sprinkled the blood in the presence of the manifest glory of God. In this age of grace let us remember that it is still the blood of the Lamb of God which washeth away the sin of the world. Other sacrifices were only object lessons pointing to Christ. No blood but His could ever save.

What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

What can make me whole again?

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

O precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

The Fact of Sin

My subject is "Christ, our sin-bearer." If man had no sin, he would need no sin-bearer; so I call your attention to the fact of sin. I do not have to prove it; the fact of sin needs no proof. It is so evident that the Bible

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CALLING ALL CHRISTIANS

By EVANGELIST HYMAN J. APPELMAN, D.D.

(Preached at Sword of the Lord Conference on Evangelism, Church of the Open Door, Los Angeles, California, December 31, 1945. Mechanically recorded for THE SWORD OF THE LORD.)

With your permission, may I bring together for your meditation a part of a verse and an entire verse out of God's Holy Word. The part of the verse we are to consider is the fourth chapter of Revelation, the first verse: "After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me." The entire verse is the familiar and famous Acts 1:14: "These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren." May I hasten on to add another familiar statement to these two. You will find that Acts 1:8 reads on this wise: "And ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

I. The Voices Call Us to Soul-Winning

First of all, there is this matter of a voice. He heard a voice saying, "Come up hither." We also hear this voice, or else all this going, all this preaching, all this witnessing is in vain.

1. The Voice of God Calls.

That voice that cries to us in this the greatest of all businesses, that of evangelism, is, first of all,

the voice of God. The commission to go out to evangelize a lost world is definitely from God. No one else is as interested in the souls of men as is the Lord of Hosts. It has been His concern through the ages. Someone has well said, "God had one Son and He made Him a preacher of the gospel." There is a shibboleth going the rounds that the old-time kind of preaching such as many of us here do—just straight preaching, no book reviews, no analysis of the times, just the old-fashioned gospel—is taboo, is out of date. Apparently God did not think so. He sent His only begotten Son into the world to be a preacher. Apparently the Lord Jesus Christ did not agree with these wiseacres. He sent out His twelve disciples, then the seventy also, to evangelize. Just think of what all this

means. How proud I am to be a preacher! How grateful I am to God that I am in the same business, not with Harry Truman, not with Atlee, not with Stalin, not with President Butler of Columbia University, not with Douglas MacArthur, not with the great statesmen, the mighty financiers of the world, but with God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Surely that is something, for which to say, Thank God—in the same business with Jesus!

The Lord knows best what this world needs. If we believe in God, we must believe in His omniscience, in His mighty wisdom. If this world needed more statesmen, Jesus Christ would have been a statesman. If this world needed more financiers, Jesus Christ would have been a financier. If this world needed more diplomats, Jesus Christ would have been a diplomat. If this world needed more reformers, Jesus Christ would have been a reformer. If this world needed or needs the social gospel, I guarantee you, Jesus Christ knew and knows more about the social gospel than any vaporizing, vapidizing, modernizing, so-called pulpiteer. What this world needs according to God, as outlined for us in His Holy Word, is preaching—preaching for conviction, preaching for conversion.

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Eating Supper in Heaven

By EVANGELIST JOHN R. RICE, Editor

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Now in Luke, chapter 14, begin with verse 15:

"When one of them that sat at meat with him heard these things, he said unto him, Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the kingdom."

Jesus had been telling about the wedding supper in Heaven, that good time that is coming. And He is saying that if some of you here make a supper, do not call just your good friends, folks who are going to ask you to dinner again the next day or the next week. Do not just call them in. Get somebody who cannot pay you back. It surely is good to buy a meal for somebody who cannot repay it.

That is the good things about helping to run this Camp.

Reveal for boys and girls, giving clothes to the poor and giving a meal or bed to many a hungry fellow who comes in here, many a fellow who has no faith. If you spend your money, have a good dinner and invite to your home a nice guest and then he invites you back, you have not gained anything. You are no better than a heathen about that. Lost people do that. But if you want to get credit in Heaven, give some meals to people who do not have any, and cannot repay.

So Jesus said, "Make a dinner for people who do not have any."

They will not invite you back and you will be repaid in Heaven. You will have a supper then."

"But when thou makest a feast; call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind; And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the Just" (Luke 14: 13, 14).

One man heard that and got to thinking about Heaven. He said, "Oh, how happy it would be for everybody to sit down and eat bread in the kingdom of God. Won't that be a big supper?"

Jesus said, "Yes, it will, and I will tell you about that supper,"

and He gave this parable.

"Then said he unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and bade many: And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready. And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused. And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused. And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come. So that servant came, and showed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind. And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room. And the Lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come

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"STAY UPON GOD"

(Isaiah 50:10)

"Who is among you walking in darkness?"

"Who is among you that feareth the Lord?"

O my brothers, give heed to the question

That comes like a cry from the depths of God's word.

And, "Who obeyeth the voice of his servant?"

"Who hath no light, and no strength to stand?"

Hark to the earnest, the stark admonition

And answer the high and insistent command.

"Let him trust in the name of the Lord; let him stay him

Firm on his God, and the way that was dim

Will brighten before him, a heavenly pathway

To lead the bewildered and lost one to him.

O my friends, my brothers, my sisters,

Hark to the voice as you travel earth's sod.

This is your sword, your stay and your glory:

"Trust in the Lord, and stay on your God."

—GRACE NOLL CROWELL

Jesus Christ, Our Sin-Bearer

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tells us that "if we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us" (1 John 1:10).

The first sin effected the moral ruin of the race. All the sons of men have been born with a sinful nature. It is a nature spoiled by sin, depraved and rebellious. If there is anything divine about you it is because you, by simple faith, have accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour. Since you were born with a sinful nature, if you have rejected Jesus Christ you are in a sinful state. By that I mean that there is no good thing in you. Furthermore, you are guilty of the continual practice of the acts of sin.

The Curse of Sin

Look all about you! Whence all the suffering and sorrow? It is the result of sin. Oh, sin is to blame for it all! Men are sinners. They sin wilfully, they sin professionally, they sin systematically, they sin individually, they sin socially, they sin naturally until every stream that flows is stained with human crime, and every breeze that blows is tainted with the breath of sin.

Sin, a cruel warrior, has march-

ed down through the years, leaving in his wake a trail of blood, tears, sweat, disease, and pain. He has left physical pain, mental misery, and spiritual suffering. He has wrought distress, grief, heartache, twinge, pang, tribulation, wretchedness and woe. In his ruthless stampede he crushed the beautiful Garden of Eden and destroyed and cursed the race with his awful stigma. Since that day men have had to dig graves, build orphan homes, hospitals, asylums, penitentiaries, and jails. They have had to make laws for the prevention of crime, and hire police to enforce the laws. They have had to organize armies for national defense, and their armies have had to go out and suffer, fight, and die. Labor has had to organize to keep capital from imposing upon it; and in so doing, there have been times when it has imposed upon capital. I'll tell you, sin has blighted the world like an awful pestilence.

So the world is in sin, and the world is judged: "Now is the judgment of this world" (John 12:31). Jesus did not come to condemn the world (John 3:17). The world was condemned before Christ was born of the virgin in Bethlehem. The world was condemned the day the first pair were beguiled in the garden, and King Death began his wicked reign. The world was condemned that day when the subtle serpent ceased to walk uprightly and was made to crawl upon his belly in the dust of the ground. It was condemned when God said, "Cursed is the ground for thy sake" (Gen. 3:17).

Penalty Had to Be Paid

Justice demands the wages of sin. Socrates said, "God may forgive sin, but I can't see how He can do it." Socrates was a pagan philosopher and knew nothing of the gospel, so it isn't strange that he should reason like that. It is true that if God is holy, He is just, and justice calls for the wages of sin. Ritschl said, "The honor of God does not permit Him to forgive sinners out of pity."

Justice had to be satisfied, therefore Jesus died. He took our place: "The just for the unjust" (1 Pet. 3:18).

To obtain vaccine for the purpose of inoculating against certain diseases, the doctors must force animals into vicarious suffering. The disease is given to the animal, and his body builds up resistance; and that resisting substance is in fluid form. The fluid is then extracted from the animal and used as a remedy and a preventive of certain diseases. The animal bears man's disease and suffers in his stead to provide a remedy for man. Then if you refuse the remedy you must bear the disease, despite the fact that the animal has borne it for you.

Jesus Christ has borne away the sin of the world, but the world has rejected Him. He is the remedy for the curse of sin. Therefore the world is still judged, judged and condemned for rejecting the remedy. Just as vaccine is injected into one's body to overcome the disease, the Lord Jesus Christ takes up His abode in the bodies of those who trust Him to overpower the carnal nature. The Christian has two natures.

He Was Born Like a Lamb

Now, behold the Lamb of God! He was born in a stable, laid in a manger among the cattle. What a fitting birthplace, for He is a Lamb! There were the bullocks, the goats, the pigeons, and the other lambs, all the victims of the sin-offering. But only God's Lamb could actually take away sin, "For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats should take away sins," (Heb. 10:4). The blood of bulls and goats that was shed during the days of the Old Testament was only a type of the blood of Jesus. It was by faith in the Word and in the promise of God that the Hebrews offered those sacrifices, but the only virtue there was in the blood of those animals was in the fact that

they typified Jesus' blood; and it was because He was going to die that God saved those who by faith offered Old Testament sacrifices. Hebrews 9:14 says, "How much more shall the blood of Christ, who . . . offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?" His blood was efficacious.

He Lived Like a Lamb

Notice the expression, "without spot to God." He was without spot. Peter tells us that His blood was "as of a lamb without blemish and without spot" (1 Pet. 1:19). Jesus was not only born like a lamb, but He lived like a Lamb. When God would typify His Son, He chose the most guileless of all animals, the lamb, and demanded that he should be without blemish and without spot, else he would not be a fit type of Jesus. The character of Jesus Christ was so spotless that even the judge who allowed His crucifixion said, "I find no fault in him." Jesus asked the Pharisees, "Which of you convinceth me of sin?" Nobody took up that challenge. Down through all the crime, sin and infidelity, and hatred of God and His Christ, for twenty centuries nobody has taken up that challenge. No one can find anything wrong with Jesus. He towers above all other men like a sky-scraper towers above the miserable hovels of an underworld, and His character is as distinctly contrasted with that of others as a white lily in a bouquet of blood-red roses. Christ was sinless!

He Died Like a Lamb

Behold Him! "He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth" (Isa. 53:7). He died a bloody death like a lamb. See Him, pale and bruised, as He struggles yonder under the weight of the cross! Two thieves are walking by His side, for He is "numbered with the transgressors" (Isa. 53:12). He has been scourged with thongs of leather until His flesh is lacerated and bleeding, for in every thong of leather there was fastened either a piece of glass, a nail, or a piece of sea shell. The mob have struck Him with reeds, and with their hands and fists have hit His mouth, and cheeks, and head. His face and lips are cut and bruised. They have plucked out a part of His beard. His eyes and face are so swollen that He hardly looks human. Isaiah prophesied in his fifty-second chapter that Christ would be so beaten that He would look like "no man." His countenance is defiled with dust and the spit of the rabble; and drops of livid blood trickle into the part of His beard that has not been plucked out. A crown of thorns bedeck His brow. He has had no food, or drink, or sleep since the supper the night before. He has been hurried and pushed from place to place.

And now with the hot sun beating upon His bare head, and with a two hundred fifty pound cross mounted upon His lacerated and bleeding back, He goes forth to suffer the most horrid and ignominious death in the criminal code of the ages. Behold Him, led like a lamb to the slaughter!

Now at Golgotha watch them as they strip Him of His clothing and to His shame place Him naked upon the cross! They hold Him there. They stretch forth His hands and nail them to the wood. His feet are crossed and one spike is driven through. Can you see those great tears gush from His swollen eyes and roll down His face into the blood and dust and sweat and spit that have all clogged His beard? Behold Him! Look! See Jesus. Hear Him cry, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani." My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me? Agony has reached its climax. Now He bows His head and gives up the ghost. The price is paid! His blood is shed! "Tis finished!"

The Lamb Is Alive Forevermore

Now, pull back the curtain that hides the future and look through the eyes of the inspired Apostle

John. I quote six verses beginning at Revelation 5:8:

"And when he has taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof; for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth. And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches and wisdom and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever."

"He is not a dead Lamb, but a risen, living Lamb. He is the Lamb who bore our sins away and returned with the scars to mark the event. He is the crucified, risen, living Lamb, the saving Lamb! He gave us the memorial communion cup to remind us that He died to bear our sins away. The scars are there on His brow, His hands, His feet, His back, His face, and His side.

Today those nail-scarred hands are stretched out to you. He invites you to come make your garments white in His blood. Will you not come?

I saw One hanging on a tree
In agony and blood.
He fixed His languid eyes on me
As near His cross I stood.

Sure, never till my latest breath
Shall I forget that look.
It seemed to charge me with His death,
Though not a word He spoke.

My conscience felt and owned the guilt
And plunged me in despair.
I saw my sins His blood had spilt,
And helped to nail Him there.

Another look He gave which said,
"I freely all forgive."
This blood is for thy ransom paid.
I die that thou mayest live."

With pleasing grief, and mournful joy
My spirit oft is filled
To think that I should such a life destroy,
Yet live by Him I killed.

The Editor's Appeal

You have read the blessed message by Dr. Monroe Parker of Bob Jones University. If you are unsaved, then surely you want to settle right now this matter of your own salvation. How foolish it would prove you to be, how wicked it would picture your heart, if, after having this matter brought clearly and squarely to your attention, you still did not want Christ, did not want your sins forgiven, did not want to be saved! Yes, I trust that you want to be saved just now. Then in Jesus' dear name I beg you to turn and trust Him today. Christ is the Lamb of God. That is, He died for your sins. He paid all that you owe to God. Now you may have forgiveness, may have your sins blotted out, may have everlasting life. And you may have it today, this moment, if you will here and now turn to the Lord Jesus Christ and trust Him. Turn today from your sins and depend on Christ for forgiveness and salvation.

If you will so trust Jesus Christ today, I beg you to sign the decision form below. Then copy it out, write me a letter so I will know that you have taken Christ as your Saviour. I will send word to Dr. Parker and he and I will rejoice together. And I will send you a letter of counsel and encouragement in living the Christian life.

But be sure! First, turn to Christ in your heart with repentance and trust Him this very moment. Then sign the statement below, copy it and mail to me.

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Dear Brother Rice:

I have read Dr. Monroe Parker's sermon, "JESUS CHRIST, OUR SIN-BEARER." I realize that I am a sinner. I honestly believe that Jesus Christ did die on the cross to bear our sins and pay for them. I honestly turn my heart today from my sins and depend on Jesus Christ to save my soul. I trust Him for forgiveness and here and now I accept Him as my Saviour and write this to let you know. By God's grace I will set out to live for Him from this time forth.

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CRY FROM HUNGRY EUROPE

"Just recently I returned to the United States after visiting Germany, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Belgium, France and other countries. I saw their need and heard their urgent cry for spiritual help and physical relief of their immediate needs.

In Poland I found the doors are widely open for preaching the Gospel now. Hearts are hungry for the Gospel message. Meetings, which lasted from 5 to 8 hours, were overcrowded. The people are pleading for Bibles, New Testaments, hymn books, and Gospel tracts. Bibles must be supported and a Polish Bible school in Warsaw opened and maintained.

There is a great need for Gospel workers in other countries, as well. Our Russian Bible Institutes are going forward with great blessing in Toronto, Canada and Rosario, Argentina. Missionaries must be supported in Alaska, South America, Canada and the United States. Pray and tell others about this need. Please help us meet it as God leads. When sending your checks, make payable to the

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preaching for consecration.

May I call your attention again to the fact that when the Lord Jesus Christ sent out His emissaries, He delegated them not to build cities, not to establish orphanages, hospitals, schools, but to preach the unsearchable riches of God. He Himself said to those who went before His face, "Go preach to every creature." He sent them out to preach, to do nothing else but preach! The tragedy, the awful tragedy, the bitter tragedy is this. First of all, we preach and do not see commensurate results. We take the word of the world for the thought that because we do not see great results, our preaching is in vain. Go back to your Bible. The Bible doesn't tell us to go and win the world for Christ. That is a misstatement. It is definitely not true, unless you understand, unless you explain, unless you limit it. The Bible cries, "...and preach the gospel to every creature." The rest of it is up to the Lord, and up to that creature.

When I first began to preach—and I came into the pulpit from the army barracks, and before that from the law school, and the law office—I used to prepare my sermons in detail. I had every comma, every period, every semicolon, every exclamation point, every quotation mark down to a fine point. I would perfume it all over with the choicest poetry that I could memorize. I would stand before my small congregations, oratorizing. The star dust would come tumbling down. You should have seen some of those sermons. I would preach to those backwoods country folks in Oklahoma. They would sit there, looking at me, having a hard time keeping their eyes open, keeping awake. I said to myself, foolishly, but quite often in those days, "These country folks, what do they know? They are just poor, small people. They do not have much education. Wait until I get to the big cities where they read the Saturday Evening Post, where they buy the Reader's Digest. They will eat up this kind of preaching." Then the Lord led me to realize that it was not the people, but my way of doing things. I learned that the way to a man's heart is by God's Throne of Grace. I learned that it is the Holy Spirit who has to make disciples. I learned that it is the Holy Spirit who must win them to the Lord Jesus Christ. I learned that it was up to me to preach Christ, to preach Jesus Christ, to keep on hammering away with the gospel.

Everyone of us who has ever held revivals, or ever held pastorates in country communities, especially in our own Southland where they still have old-time religion, knows that I am not exaggerating when I make this statement. I had rather take the comments of a good old-time deacon on my sermon than that of any professor in any theological seminary. I know some Greek. I know quite a bit of Hebrew. I know enough of both of those languages so that I can understand what I am reading in the Old and the New Testaments. Both Brother Rice and I had a great teacher in homiletics, Dr. Jeff Ray. We had a great teacher in Christian doctrine. We had the mightiest of them all in evangelism, Dr. L. R. Scarborough. Still, with all that—I say the truth to you in Christ, I lie not—I would rather have the comments on my sermon of a cross-timber Texas deacon than the mightiest professor in the greatest seminary that God ever established upon this earth. The professor would be talking out of his head. The deacon talks out of his heart. There is a difference there. Yes, indeed, Jesus sent out His disciples to preach. Our business is to preach. Our business is to tell the story of salvation. That is the first voice, that of God, that of God's Son, commanding us to preach.

2. The Voice of a Lost World Calls Us to Help Them.

Then, there is the voice of the world, of a world lost in sin, consciously or unconsciously grop-

ing in darkness, in blindness, in desolation, in distress, on the road to destruction, in the disease of sin, not knowing which way to turn; the voice of helplessness; the voice of a small child crying in the dark when it cannot express itself in words, because it has not learned how to talk. Oh, how that voice comes pleading to us! What pathos, what fear, what dismay, what groping after the uplands of faith, what tearing compassion it ought to evoke in us—that voice of a lost, blundering, wondering, thundering, Hell-bound, Satan-entrapped, sin-cursed world.

May I tell you of an incident in my early life in Russia. A certain contractor, under arrangement with the Russian government to build the depots on the Trans Siberian Railroad and to keep them in repair, one summer took me with him during the summer vacation from school. We went down the Volga River carrying lumber, a tugboat, great rafts of lumber behind it. There had been a drought in the Volga territory. There had not been anything to eat for weeks, for months. People died by the tens of thousands. We came to a certain town late Friday afternoon and decided to put up for the night. The contractor, an orthodox Jew, would not permit any work either for himself or for his Gentile help on Saturday. We were going to tie up, go to the synagogue in that town; then, Sunday or Monday morning, go on about our affairs. We had no more than stepped off the boat when all of a sudden there came a crowd of people from the town. I shall never forget them as long as I live. I can see them now without closing my eyes. They made a nightmare impression upon me. There were those emaciated men, faces sunken in, bearded. There were those poor women, their claw-like hands reaching out to us. One could see the veins like whiplords standing out on the backs of their hands. There were those little pot-bellied children. Have you ever seen hungry children, children who have not had anything to eat for weeks? Have you ever seen children eat mud? Eat grass like animals? Reaching up their hands to us on board that little tugboat, they cried out one word, just one little word. I tell you, I wake up in the middle of the night often, the cold perspiration bathing my body, as I hear that crying, sobbing word, "Schleb!" "Schleb!" "Schleb!" That is Russian for bread! Bread! Bread! That was all they wanted. They did not cry for steak, for potatoes, nor for eggs, nor hummingbirds' tongues, nor for caviar. They wanted bread. They would have been satisfied with bread.

3. The Voice Calls Like a Compelling Trumpet.

In exactly the selfsame way, the voice of the world, I repeat, consciously or unconsciously, is crying to us for the bread of Heaven. You know the chief reason for the wave of juvenile delinquency in America is not because Americans are so tough. They are not. They are the best people in the world. It is because they are trying to satisfy their hunger with the bread of Satan, their thirst with the salt water of sin. It is because they are hungry. It is because they are thirsty. They want something. They themselves do not know what it is. Their cry should rouse us up to tremendously sacrificial efforts to point them to the bread that satisfieth, to the water that quenqueth.

There is the trumpet that is referred to in the fourth chapter of the book of Revelation. That trumpet is a call to us, too. I served a number of years in the United States Army. I know what a trumpet does. A trumpet is a call to assemble. A trumpet is a call to advance. A trumpet is a call to charge. A trumpet is a call to attack. Through the ages, the voice of God, the trump of God, has been urging the children of men. Whenever and wherever in Europe, in Asia, in Africa, in the days that are past, in our own time, whenever and wherever a human heart, a human life, a human soul responds to that voice, to that trump of God, revivals

come, things begin to happen.

The voice of God came to Noah. He built the ark, saving himself and his family in accordance with the promise of God.

The voice came to Abraham. Criticize my people, the Jews, all you want to. You will have to get up mighty early in the morning and stay up mighty late at night to match the sacrifice of Abraham, leaving his people, his property and going, not to Los Angeles where there is another civilization, hotels, restaurants, streetcars, buses, trains, airplanes, a chance to get out, but going under sealed orders, not knowing which way he was traveling, nor where he was going to finish, just going on in bare faith on the Word of God. You talk about Congressional medal hero! Abraham was such a hero that it is utterly impossible for us to describe his heroism in the language of this day and time. With us, we know what Christ can do. We know what God can do. We know what Christianity can do. But Abraham was a new convert. He had a new start with God. God told him, "Turn your back on your people and go on. I will tell you after a while where you are going." No wonder that to this day this mighty man is called the father of the faithful, the friend of God.

The Word of God, the voice of God, the trump of God came to Moses. Moses responded. Think of what it meant for Moses to turn his back on Egypt. Think what it meant for that delicately reared, that highborn Jew, to go out into the Midianitish desert to become a common, poor, limited shepherd for forty years of his life, buried in the backlands of the wilderness. Think of his spending forty years of his life, giving up seemingly everything that he had, everything that he stood for, everything that he had hoped for up to that time, because God's voice said, "Come," to him and he could do nothing less than obey.

The voice of God came to Elijah. It was not because Elijah was in trouble. It was not because Elijah could not find anything more pleasant to do. The trump of God came to him, and he obeyed. Talk about nerve! Talk about courage! Talk about fortitude! There never has been anything in the annals of man that can compare with Elijah's standing up there on Mt. Carmel, facing the priests, the Israelitish nation, crying out for the world to hear, "If the Lord be God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him." What was the matter with him? Where did he get that courage? Where did he get that enthusiasm? Where did he get that conviction? Where did he get that drive? He heard the

voice of God! That is the answer. Herein lies the tragedy of so many of us. We have Sunday school teachers in our churches who have no more been called to teach than I have been called to be the Mikado of Japan. We have preachers in our pulpits who have themselves chosen preaching as a profession, but have never heard the voice of God. Brother, sister, when you hear the voice of God and respond to it, you will never be the same. There is nothing that will ever stop you from the uplands of God's grace.

The voice of God came to Saul, the Pharisee. The Jews were the best people of their time, morally and religiously. The Pharisees were the best of the Jews. Paul the apostle, Saul the Pharisee, by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, could say, "As touching the law, blameless." You cannot say that. Neither can I. If there ever were a perfect man, or a man reaching perfection, a man striving for perfection, that one was Saul the Pharisee, even before he became a Christian. He heard a voice. He met Jesus on the road to Damascus. He heard the voice of Jesus pleading with him to give himself in a surrender to God. Saul the Pharisee became Paul the apostle. Talk about suffering! Talk about pain! Talk about ostracism! Talk about misunderstanding! Talk about criticism! Why there never has been anybody who, like Paul, went through all these. He was misunderstood by his own fellow apostles, by Peter, for example. His fellow Christians criticized him. The Jews ostracized him. The Romans chastized him. Oh, the chances that this man Paul had to compromise! But he had heard a voice, and he could do nothing less than obey. O God, send me that voice! O God, may the Spirit of God make you to hear that voice!

There came a voice to John Wesley. Have you ever read the story of John Wesley? Read it again. It will do you good. I do not mean for you to read some biography that will paint him up flawlessly, perfume him up without faults and merely make you see the good side of him. You know John Wesley had trouble at home. He married a shrew. Someone said in one of the biographies about him that perhaps one reason he was such a great itinerant was because he did not like to stay at home. I do not know about that, because I, personally, certainly do like to stay at home. But he had a tough time. Wesley and Whitefield fought each other. It took Whitefield a long, long while to persuade Wesley to go out to preach in the open. John was a little man, a dainty man, a woman-

ish man, a tender man. He was a Church of England man. Do you know what that means? He was proper. He would not preach without his gown and bands. He would not preach without his wig. He was perfectly proper. Whitefield, on the other hand, was a sweeping tornado. He would move a congregation to trembling, to weeping, to crying aloud. John Wesley's language was smooth, polished, fine. Why did John Wesley turn his back on his English Church? Why did John Wesley endure heartache, tears, disappointment, driven days? He heard a voice. He could do nothing else. He had heard the voice of God.

There came a time in the life of the German miner's son, Martin Luther. It gave him neither rest nor peace. You remember how he went about seeking his own salvation; how loyal he was to his church, how cooperative he was with his abbots, those in authority over him in the Catholic church. The time came when he turned, when he was proclaimed a heretic. He started to Worms to meet that conclave called by the pope and the emperor. They were to try Luther for heresy, for blasphemy, presumably for his life. Riding along the road, he came to a town a short distance from Worms. His friends

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stopped him to say, "Martin, don't go to Worms; they mean to harm you." Standing in the middle of that dusty road, bowing his knees slightly, his face a little pale, his heart heavy within him, he pondered the message. He heard that voice again. Looking up he cried, "If there were as many devils in Worms as there are tiles on the roofs of that city, I still would go." He heard that voice again. He could do no more than obey. That voice roared in his soul. Brother, sister, especially you of the preaching fellowship, if that voice of God is not throbbing in your heart, do one of two things: either quit the ministry, or prostrate yourself in the presence of God until that voice reverberates within the innermost recesses of your being. You are not going to get very far any other way.

There came a voice to a shoe salesman in Chicago, a busy young man, a bustling young man, making \$7,000 a year, which was a lot of money for that day and time. Do you know what \$7,000 a year meant more than seventy-five years ago? It meant about as much as a man making at least \$25,000 a year today. D. L. Moody was ambitious. He heard the voice of God. He turned his back on his shoe business. He turned his back on his chances for profit. He went out not knowing from whence his next meal would come. Time and again his friends had to hasten to his rescue, to give him money enough to buy food for his wife, later on for his children. Where is this Moody, without any education, without any training, without a single outstanding talent, as far as the world could see, lampooned, criticized, misunderstood, mocked at? Our trouble today is that we read the beautiful things about Moody, but we do not know the Hell through which that man was sent by those who did not agree with him. One night, after a great concourse of people had heard him, he stood greeting folks, the perspiration pouring from his face. Some misguided brother came up to him to say, "I have been listening to you preach. In one sentence, you made five grammatical mistakes. What are you doing without an education?"

Surely Moody's heart must have hurt within him, as, realizing his dreadful limitations, looking down at the man, he said, "Brother, what are you doing with your education?"

The thing that kept driving him, the thing that kept him going, was that voice roaring in his bones, calling him, as well as all other Christians, to the task of witnessing to and winning the lost souls of men.

There came the voice to Billy Sunday. Some days ago it was my privilege to be in the Sunday's humble home in Winona. Mrs. Sunday told me how more than once, her great husband, after going through a service, greeting the people who pressed upon him, would come to his hotel, throw himself on his face across the bed, weep aloud, sob out his cry to God, "I will never preach again! I cannot stand this criticism! I cannot stand these lies! I cannot stand this misunderstanding!" His wife prayed for him. He himself would pray. The voice would come clear, sweet, beckoning, inspiring, challenging. He would go out again to battle for the lost.

My friends, we too in this day and time need that voice. A week from today I am going to be forty-four years old. I am not a young man, as men count youth. Neither am I an old man, as men count age. I believe I know a little of the dreadful need of this torn world. I do know there never has been a time, at least in my lifetime, when this earth of ours, when the generations of men, needed the voice of the Lord Jesus Christ, the voice of the gospel, the voice of salvation, more desperately than they need it now.

II. The Basic Needs for Evangelism

But, we hasten on to ask: What is the background; what is the

basis; what is this voice calling us to do?

First, this matter of soul winning, this matter of evangelism, is the business of the entire church.

The church is in no other business. The church is not in the business of building schools, not even Bible schools, not even seminaries, not even Christian colleges, with all due love, respect, regard for Dr. Bob Jones here and the superlative Bob Jones College. The primary business of the church is to preach Jesus Christ, to win the lost. Show me a church that is not winning the lost to the Son of God, and I will show you a church that is neither spiritual nor Scriptural. It makes not a particle of difference whether it is a denominational church or a non-denominational body. It is the business of the entire church to witness and win the lost for the Lord Jesus Christ.

1. Because It Is Christ or Hell for Everyone.

First of all, we have the foundation for this witnessing in the assurance of our hearts and souls in the facts of the gospel. We know that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. We know that He died for our sins on the cross. We know that God raised Him from the dead. We know that there is none other name under Heaven given among men by which we must be saved. We know that it is Jesus or damnation. We know that it is Jesus or Hell. We know that it is Jesus or the curse. We know that it is Jesus or else the wrath of God, the wages of sin, the flaming of fires of a bottomless pit.

2. Need for Godly Concern and Compassion.

Secondly, the method to be pursued by us is very simple. Our trouble has been that we were trying to cover up the method of God with methods of our own. God's method is simple. There is a deep, earnest, yearning, conviction and concern for the souls of men. That must come first. We are not going to get very far in our personal activities; we are not going to get very far in this evangelistic conference; we are not going to get very far in reviving the churches, unless we ourselves are burning up with the enthusiasm of Heaven, the afflatus of God upon us in the matter of this striving after the souls of men.

3. We Must Get Away from Our Unbelieving Alibis.

Then there must be just as burning, just as passionate, just as deep an assurance, a conviction, a faith in the promises of God that He will hear and answer prayer. You heard Brother Rice yesterday afternoon talk about people saying to him, as they have said to everyone of us also, "This is a peculiar situation, a peculiar situation." Los Angeles is peculiar because it is next to Hollywood. Wheaton is peculiar because it is next to Chicago. Texas is peculiar because it is next to the United States! The United States is peculiar because it is surrounded by the Atlantic and the Pacific. Tennessee is in a bad fix because it is next to Alabama, or Kentucky. What I am striving to say is that the whole matter is just a laughable alibi. I say to you as unqualifiedly as my lips can frame the words, that any alibi that you introduce is a dishonor, a disgrace to God Almighty. If Tennessee is too hard for God, you can have Him, Dr. Jones. If Texas is too hard for God, you can have Him here in California. I for one do not want that kind of a God. If Hollywood can stop God, we have no use for Him down in Texas. No, my friends, we are not going to have great revivals; we are not going to have this world-wide revival; we are not going to win America and Americans for Christ; we are not going to turn this nation back to God by our alibis. The more we repeat them, the more we are doing exactly what the Devil wants us to do.

You all have heard this classic illustration. Take half of a dollar, a little half of a dollar. You can hardly see it. Walk out in the

blazing California sun. Close one eye. Put the half dollar, the tiny half dollar, in front of the other eye. You will not see the sun. Your alibis keep you from seeing God. My excuses keep me from seeing God. Faith in God is an essential requirement in this evangelistic work. Do we believe that God can give us revivals? Do these last days stop God? I tried to find in my Bible where it says that in the last days there were not going to be any revivals. I found that on the other hand, the Holy Book of God seems to imply, through the prophets, that in the last days there shall be an outpouring of God's Holy Spirit that will make the day of Pentecost look like a junior church. That is what I believe this blessed Book teaches.

4. A Heroic Obedience Required.

Again, we hasten on. Not only must there be a compassion for a lost world; not only must there be a conviction of faith—rock-ribbed faith—certainty in the promises and power of God, but, hear me now, there must be a heroic obedience to every command of God. If you have an idea that because revival fires are breaking out here, there, yonder; if you have an idea that these evangelistic conferences are going to make it easy for us to conduct revivals, you are definitely wrong. Satan is going to stir up all Hell against us. Preachers, people, modernists, liberals, fundamentalists, postmillennialists, premillennialists, Christian schools, denominations, non-denominationalists—all these are going to line up against us, because Hell does not want revivals. Lucifer does not want multitudes to be swept into the kingdom of God. You are coming here for inspiration. You are coming here for fire. If you think that at the end of this week the fire of God will come upon you and make it easier for you from now on to serve God, much easier, must more pleasant, you had better get out of here, because you are wasting your time. It is not going to work that way. This very conference, with its idealism, with its enthusiasm, with its Heaven-sent fire, is going to make it harder for you, for all of us, or there is something wrong with it. The closer we get to God, the more the Devil will fight us. The more we try to do for the souls of men, the more men will criticize us, will reproach us. If you have red blood in your veins; if you have courage in your heart; if you have stamina in your soul; if you are willing to throw back your head, to square your shoulders, to stick out your jaw, crying, "Old Devil, come on!" fighting him to the last ditch, then, brother, sister, you have come to the right place.

It is easy enough to be pleasant,

When life flows by like a song,
But the man worth-while is
the man who can smile,
When everything goes dead
wrong.

For the test of the heart is
trouble;

And it always comes with the
years.

And the man who is worth
the salt of the earth,
Is the man who can smile
through his tears.

It is more like this in evangelism than in perhaps any other and every other human pursuit. Satan will not fight us one thousandth as much in any other activity of the church as he will in this matter of evangelizing. Many of us have been pastors. Here is a great college president, Dr. Bob Jones. Some of you out yonder in the congregation have been and are in other sorts of religious work. There is Brother Everett Mills whom God is blessing so superlatively in work among the children. These dear men who have been used of God in such a wonderful way will tell you that Satan and Hell do not begin to trouble them as much as when they are engaged in definite hand-to-hand contact with the souls of men.

III. The Field of Evangelism

The next thing involved here is not only the work of evangelism but the field of evangelism.

Just as the work of evangelism is the business of the entire church, so the field for evangelism is the entire world. We must not circumscribe ourselves with the idea that when the Church of the Open Door, or Elmer Jensen's church out there in Tacoma, starts a revival, that the revival is the

campaign of the Church of the Open Door, or the Bible Church in Tacoma. No, my friends. If it is to be a real revival, if it is to be a honest-to-high-Heaven revival, if it is to glorify, magnify the Lord Jesus Christ, two things are to be true. First, it is a king-

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dom affair. Second, it is a world affair. A real revival is not just for the individual church. A real revival is not just for a given locality. If it does not start spheres of influence; if it does not start waves of power; if it does not create circles of witness that spread to the ends of the earth, it is not a revival in the true sense of the word.

They tell us now, that a modified form of socialism is sooner or later going to be the thing that America will have. Unions, C. I. O., A. F. of L., New Deal, all the rest of them, that is the thing, they cry to us, that has to be worked out to fulfillment, then the American problems are solved. We are going to have more trouble with communism than we have ever had up to now. Torrey Johnson and Dr. Talbot were absolutely right when they said that in Russia it is a battle between communism and the Lord Jesus Christ. But, my friends, hear me: I shall answer socialism; I shall answer communism; I shall meet socialism and communism with evangelism, and, by the grace of God, we shall see what evangelism can do. I believe that old-time Holy Ghost revivals will do more to solve these difficulties than anything else.

Let us major on New Testament evangelism. That is the answer. It was the answer at the time of Moody. It was the answer at the time of Wesley before him. It was the answer at the time of Martin Luther before Wesley. The gospel is the power of God unto salvation not only to individual souls, but unto the salvation of society, if it be given the proper chance. The field of evangelism is the world, with all of its multitudinous needs. Thank God for that! Thank God we are engaged in a saving, healing, establishing business. We are doing business for the King. We are enlisted in the mightiest of all works. We are all called by the voice and the trumpet of God to the task that will turn the world right side up.

Some years ago, during a summer school vacation, I sold books. I love books. I am sure I spent more time reading them than I did selling them. However, I did have a wonderful time telling people why I liked certain books. Consequently, I sold quite a few of them. I made a great deal of money that summer. Sometimes a person would come into that place to pick up a book that I knew was trash. Maybe it was the Jew in me, I don't know; maybe it was the sinner in me, but I just kept on encouraging him, to make the few extra cents. I knew the book was not worthwhile. There are a great many businesses right here in Los Angeles catering to the luxurious desires, to the perverted tastes of the people that flood this city. Moving picture shows, dance halls, juke joints, cabarets, even places of legitimate pleasure, sell things that people never will have any use for. They just waste their money. But in this evangelism we have a commodity, the gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the blood of the Son of God, the gospel of salvation, that every man needs, that every woman needs, that every child needs.

Not only are we called to work side by side with the Lord Jesus Christ, but we are called to offer to a desperate world something they need more definitely, more dependently, something that will do them more good than the blood running in their veins, than the food they eat, the clothes they wear, the air they breathe, the jobs at which they earn their money, the loved ones with whom they cohabit day in and day out. We need not be ashamed of our work and of what we are offering to mankind.

IV. The Force of Evangelism: the Holy Spirit

We go on next to consider that the force for evangelism is the Holy Spirit. Jesus Christ told His disciples to tarry in the city

of Jerusalem until they were endowed with power from on high.

1. We Must Not Leave Out the Holy Spirit Because Some are Fanatical.

You know without my telling you, that if the Devil cannot make us take the bad, he will make us take the good instead of the best. Some of us are so afraid of emotion; some of us are so afraid of speaking in tongues; some of us are so afraid of these off-brand cults, these fly-by-night movements, that we sacrifice the presence, the power of the Holy Spirit in our own lives for fear of being misunderstood. Brother, if speaking in tongues will make you a better soul winner, go ahead and speak in tongues. Sister, if rolling on the floor will make you more effective in winning the lost to Christ, although I do not believe so, move over, I want to roll with you. I am not here to tell you that there is not any such thing as speaking in tongues. I am not here to tell you that there is. That is not at all in the purpose of this discussion. If you insist, "Have you spoken in tongues?" no, I have not. There are, however, a great many things that I have not done that other people have done. But, I still maintain, it is beside the issue. I am not going to debate about it.

You bring up another question. You tell me it is wrong to say "the baptism of the Holy Spirit." All right. If you want to call a steak, "filet mignon," go ahead. Call it anything you want to, but give me a hunk of it when I am hungry. If you want to call eggs and bacon by some French name, go right ahead, so long as you serve me eggs and bacon when I am good and hungry. Just pass it on to me by whatever name you want to term it. If you do not like it, I'll try and take your part, too.

It is identically the same way with the Holy Spirit. Do not be misled by Satan. Do not waste your time in arguments. Do not waste your time in idle debates. Cleave right straight down the middle. Take what God has for you. Let Him fill you with the Holy Spirit.

2. The Danger of Depending on Other Things.

Up to the point of the infilling of the Holy Spirit, ninety per cent of your work is wasted, ninety per cent of your work is sounding brass and tinkling cymbal. Listen! We are doing more work; we are having more programs; we are raising more money; we have more organizations and preachers; we sweat more, toil more, struggle more, than any two generations of Christians, and yet are accomplishing just a little. Why? Because we are doing it primarily in our own strength, in our own power, in our own wisdom. The only one who can empower us for effective service is the Holy Spirit.

Oh, my beloved, hear me! Here is the danger in an evangelistic conference such as this one. We are coming together to hear these great, dear men of God stir our souls. They will move us. They will melt us. Then we will go out and forget the resolves that we have made before the sound of their great voices dies out in our ears. We will permit the world, with its indifference and unconcern, to dampen out the flames that the Holy Spirit has started in our souls. It is good to have an organization. It is good to have committees. It is good to have evangelistic conferences. It is good to have **The Sword of the Lord**. It is good to have literature. It is good to sell books, to spread them abroad. It is good to pass out tracts. It is good to preach. It is good to have Holmbo out here to sing to us, to lead us in his mighty way. All these things are excellent. But, beloved, they are not enough. The thing we need most of all is the presence, the power of the Holy Spirit in our activities.

3. Tarrying Before God in Prayer Absolutely Necessary.

Just as the voice of God is

calling us to devoted consecration to the Son of God, first; just as the voice of God is calling us with the need of a lost world to the preaching of the gospel, second; even so the voice of God is calling every man of us, every woman of us, every single solitary one of us, to tarry before God in prayer until we be endowed with power from on high.

I remember the first time I came to this church. You remember that, don't you, some of you dear brethren and sisters here? I wish Dr. Talbot were here. He was not here that time. He was here a day or two, then had to go on to his other business. Roy Laurin was the associate pastor then. I stopped in El Paso at the First Baptist Church for a few hours between trains on the way up here from Fort Worth. There was a study course going on among the Baptist people in that city. The preachers of that town were there. One of my dear friends, Roy Holloman, stopped me to say,

"Hyman, where are you going?"

"Los Angeles," I said.

"For a vacation or for a visit?"

"No, for a revival."

Waving his hand at me, he said, "Well, sir, you'll come back just as cracked as the rest of them up there. You'll be just as big a freak as they are after you come back."

That is what they think about you all here, out there in some of those places. At that, some of it is true. Next to Boston, there are perhaps more freaks in Los Angeles religiously than in all the rest of America put together. Maybe it is a tossup between Los Angeles and Boston. You can get more different kinds of religion faster, hotter, here in Los Angeles than in any other place in the world that I have visited. They say that Boston is just as bad, in spite of all its boasted culture, in spite of all its so-called refinement.

I came to the Church of the Open Door on a Wednesday night. They were having a service downstairs in the basement. The basement was pretty full. They were having some sort of a business meeting. I was introduced. I preached the best I could. When I was through, they made a bee-line for the door. Some very few came around. The next night we were going to meet in the basement again. I begged them to go up to the auditorium. They insisted it would be better and wiser to stay down in the basement. I kept on insisting because I like to preach in a church auditorium rather than in a crammed-in basement. Finally, they decided to follow my suggestion.

We went up in the church that night. The crowd was terribly small. There were not five hundred people in this gigantic auditorium. My heart sank within me. I said, "O Lord, is this The Church of the Open Door that I have been hearing about? Is this the legacy of R. A. Torrey? Is this the tremendous evangelistic opportunity they wrote about when they invited me to come here and conduct this revival?" I began to get cold chills. The second night, it was the same thing over again. Sunday they came. Next week, it was just about the same. I began to plead with the people to pray. They did not seem to be used to night by night prayer meetings before the revival services. I was accustomed to them. Some of you here remember what trouble, what difficulties we had. Finally, we did get a bunch of Christians together to pray in the various rooms downstairs. After awhile there were so many of them we had to split them up into a number of rooms. We prayed hard. God heard and answered our prayers. The crowds began to come. Before the revival was over, one hundred and sixty and more people had given their hearts to the Lord Jesus Christ right here at this altar. Somewhere in my files, in my effects, I have the name of every one of them, because the secretary of this church, dear Mrs. Redman, sent them to me. The next time I came back to The Church of

the Open Door for a revival it was quite a bit different. Before this second campaign was over, two hundred and eleven folks had knelt here at this altar to find Jesus Christ precious to their souls, to come into the fellowship of this great church. You will find somewhere in the archives of this church a bulletin showing the names of these people.

What am I trying to tell you? Simply this. The Church of the Open Door, the mightiest evangelistic organization in all of this part of America, the church that has stood like the Rock of Gibraltar for God, for Christ, for the Bible, for the things of the Spirit, for evangelism; the church that has never taken a backstep in its orthodoxy, in its fundamentalism, in its premillennialism; the church that is sending out more missionaries than any other church in this part of the world; the church that is making greater sacrifices, composed as it is of poor people, than almost any church I know anything about—even this church is helpless, powerless, hopeless without the Holy Spirit.

I finish now by calling your attention to the fact that the voice and the trumpet that we have been discussing are calling all Christians. They are calling all Christians; first, to a renewal of our devotion to the Lord Jesus Christ; second, to a pleading with God that He might stir within us a compassion for the souls of men; to a tarrying before God in prayer until Pentecost becomes an experience in our lives, more than an event that happened back yonder nineteen hundred years ago. May God, in His infinite compassionate Holy Spirit, grace and mercy cause each of us, and through us, multiplied multitudes of others, to respond to this challenging appeal, calling all Christians to a twentieth century crusade, an all-out attack against sin and Satan. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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Eating Supper in Heaven

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an, that my house may be filled. For I say unto you, That none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper" (Luke 14:16-24).

The Glorious Heavenly Supper!

Now I want you to think about that heavenly feast which is going to be spread one of these days. I was just fifty-one years old the eleventh of this month, but I am looking forward to getting to Heaven. Maybe the Lord will let me stay here and preach the gospel twenty or thirty years yet, maybe He will not; I do not know. I may go before the New Year's whistle blows tonight at midnight. But when I think about it, I say in my heart, Never mind what I get down here. I am going to have my pay one of these days. People talk about their payday. I am going to get my payday.

Evangelists are thought of as a bunch of nuts. We are all "fanatics" anyhow, you know. We are all "racketeers," just making money out of it. We are nobodies. We are "the offscourings of the world." Paul and Stephen were that, too. Jesus was counted that. Yes, we evangelists are not much. People sometimes say to me "Do you enjoy being away from home and never seeing your wife and children? Do you enjoy eating at hotels and cafes? Do you like being a stranger in the world?" Everywhere I go people look at me like a calf looking at a new gate. They wonder, What kind of a racket do you have now? When I offer a preacher a book with my compliments, he looks at me rather funny and says, "I—I'm not ready to buy now." When I tell him that I am not trying to sell him something, that I want to give it to him, the preacher thinks I surely have some scheme. He thinks I am going to try to take advantage of him.

I try to get somebody saved or go weep over an old sinner and he thinks I have some ax to grind. He thinks I am going to try to get something out of him. Well, evangelists are not counted so much now. A lot of people are down on evangelists. They think they are too emotional or that they are too sensational. If they get a drunkard converted, people say, "Well, he won't stick." If they get a child converted, people say, "Well, he is too young." But you just wait until they come from the North and the East and the South and the West to sit down with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of God. You wait until they come from Chicago and Dallas and Fort Worth and Los Angeles and Denver; from Dayton, Ohio; Oklahoma City; Brooklyn, New York; Boston; Binghamton, New York; Cleveland; Buffalo; Seattle, and Spokane—you just wait until they come in, along with these three thousand and more who have written to tell me they were saved through my booklets.

A man, a German doctor in Germany, got my little booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" and wrote me, "You sent it over here for the soldiers. I hope you will not mind if I say I got saved through it, too." Well, I did not mind! You just wait until they come. I remember those fellows in the Philippine Islands. Soldiers took my booklets down there and they have been writing to tell me they were saved. I got a letter this last week from one of them. A Mohammedan boy from the west coast of Africa recently wrote me to tell me how he found the Lord through my literature. You just wait! My, what a hand-shaking time that will be! Yes, I know I am a nut and a fool and a crook and a "racketeer" now. I am a kind of fanatic and off-scouring of the world, a "Holy Roller" and any kind of name you can call me now. But I tell you when they come in from the East and West to sit down at that feast in the kingdom of God with the Lord Jesus at the head of it,

I am going to get my payday then.

Say, I look forward to that dinner! You see, the Lord Jesus Himself was a good cook. A woman hears me who feels, "Well, I hate to stand over a hot stove"—often women feel they are abused. They say a man works from sun to sun but a woman's work is never done. Maybe so, but do not feel bad about it. Jesus cooked. One time He cooked breakfast for the disciples. He went out and got fish and cooked them over a camp fire. That is a real test of whether you can cook—when you try it out over a camp fire. Jesus broiled the fish, and Peter helped Him clean some of them. Then Jesus said, "Come and dine." Oh, to sit down at the feast in Heaven!

In John, chapter 22, Jesus said a certain king made a marriage for his son and said to his servants, "Go and call them that are bidden and tell them my dinner is ready, my oxen and my fattenings are killed, my ice cream is all packed in dry ice on the back porch. Everything is all fixed, come to the wedding." Jesus said in another place, "I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself" (John 14:2, 3). I am anxious to see it—this mansion. I am anxious to be at the wedding supper when the Bride is introduced. It is going to be wonderful, and I am going to be there, bless God! I already have an invitation and I have already answered R. S. V. P. I am going to be there, bless God. I am already saved. I already have assurance of a place prepared for me. I am going to be there!

Earthly Houses or Lands Cannot Last Nor Satisfy

Now He said, "All right, this man made a great supper and sent a servant to say to them that were bidden, 'Come'."

One said to the servant, "But I have bought a piece of ground which I must see. It is supper time, I know. I have already bought it, I know. But I have to go see it." Isn't it strange that a man would buy ground he never saw? That looks a little foolish, doesn't it? But the truth of the matter is, nobody ever bought a piece of property that ever really saw it as it would eventually be. He did not know what was going to happen to it. He did not know how it was going to turn out.

I was in Buffalo for a campaign and then was asked to come back and spend a week to help boost the Bible institute they had founded and reestablished there. So I went. They had bought fine property. It was a beautiful mansion, built by a great lumber magnate. I believe they told me that besides the servants' quarters, the garage and the lot, which was about a half city block, it cost a hundred thousand dollars. The garage looked like a mansion. The dean of the institute lived in it. He said it was the finest house he had ever lived in.

Mr. Shufelt, the singer who was with me, and I were put in a bedroom in this mansion that had been bought for the institute. There were mahogany doors, three inches thick—solid mahogany, not veneer.

I said to Mr. Shufelt, "Isn't that pretty paper on the wall?"

He said, "Dr. Rice, that isn't paper." I reached over and felt it and it was tapestry, quilted, silken, beautiful and expensive. There were flawless hardwood floors and beautiful silver-trimmed hardware. It was wonderful! There were marble baths for every bedroom. I thought about the thing and I said, "Why did the man sell it? Why did he go off and leave it after spending so much money on it?"

They said, "His wife died and his daughter ran off and married a drunkard. There by himself, haunted by his memories, he got to where he did not want to see it and would have given it away rather than live in it. He did sell it for \$30,000. His heart was broken. He was lonely. What did it matter about a big house!

What did he care about the mahogany doors three inches thick, the paneled walls and the ceiling and the tapestry, silk and quilted, when he did not have any peace. What a fool anybody is to get his heart set on property. What a fool anybody is to think about houses and lands. They will not last!

A few years ago I bought a frame house in Wheaton, Illinois. I had to buy it or move. I could not rent it any longer. In Wheaton you cannot rent a house. There are just not enough houses to go around. So I had to buy. And it is very nice. It is a rather old house but very comfortable. I started to say that one of these days all the houses will burn down. One of these days the heavens themselves will be rolled back like a scroll, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat. What does it matter? I am going to live on. Every soul, every one who ever put his trust in Jesus, is going to live in eternity. What does it matter about a house?

How Temporary and Fleeting All Earthly Enjoyments!

One fellow said, "I bought five yoke of oxen, and I must go prove them." His oxen will not last. One of them will eat too much green cane and will bloat and die. And then something else will happen to the rest of them. It will not last. Nothing you buy will last! These other things—you fill your belly with food, it doesn't matter. Paul said that it would not be long until the fellow who had a wife would be the same as the man who did not have a wife. A man who had plenty to eat, would be as if he did not have plenty. It will not matter.

Paul said, "Meats for the belly, and the belly for meats; but God shall destroy both it and them" (I Cor. 6:13).

One fellow said, "I just can't come, I have married a wife." You know the love of a good woman is a beautiful thing. But after all, how short it is! I had a letter the other day from a man to whom I had sent a Christmas card with a picture of my family and a testimony from each one of them on it.

He wrote to me and said, "My wife has gone to Heaven. I do not have much to live for. I thought to myself, 'Maybe God has something sweet for me. I will go to the mailbox and see if anybody cares.' I got your card and sat down and cried and thanked God that He put it into your heart to send it to me." Did you know that married happiness is very short? There is many a failure in it and many a bitterness. Then it is soon broken and gone. There is no human, natural way to peace for the soul permanently, not even in marriage, not in any human relationship. In the long run all that matters is to be right with God and meet Him in peace and be together up there.

Will You Be at the Wedding Supper in Heaven?

I cannot take time for the rest of this message; maybe I will another time. But dear friend, have you made sure about the wedding supper? I wonder how many of you can say, "I am going to be there?"

"Oh," you may say, "I live in a very nice house."

Yes, I know. Many a dog is very comfortable. He lives in a nice basket and has an old carpet to sleep on at least. Physical comforts for the body! Aren't you more than a brute beast? Is that all there is to you? God have pity on you! Don't you know you are more than an animal? Isn't there anything to the personality, to the conscience and the soul that has to meet God someday? Are you ready to meet God? Have you accepted the invitation to the wedding supper?

Somebody who hears me may say, "Nobody ever invited me." Well, we are inviting you now. I tell you God loves you. And I love you, too. I tell you right now, you are invited. The Spirit of God calls you, the sweet Spirit of God speaks to your heart now and says, "Come, my oxen, my fattenings are killed and all things are ready."

You do not have to pay for a ticket. You do not have to buy it. It is free. God will furnish the wedding garment. God will furnish everything. Why don't

you come? The dear Lord is calling. He wants you today. Oh, blessed are they that enter, they that eat in the kingdom of Heaven! I am going to be there. What about you? I hope you will say, "I'm going to be there when they say, 'Come to the table, everything is ready.' I'm going to be there when the angels seat the people and then wait on them. I am going to be there and see Jesus sitting at the head of the table." I hope you will.

Accept Your Invitation Now
If you have not been converted,

have not been born again, have not personally accepted Christ as your own Saviour, then in His name I beg you to accept the invitation now. It is easy to do if you mean business. First, honestly admit to yourself and to God that you are a poor lost sinner, condemned because you have not taken Christ as your Saviour. Then in your heart honestly turn from your sin and turn to Christ. Depend upon Him today to forgive you and save you. In your own heart say yes to this blessed

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By the Editor

Evangelist F. A. Wirth

Evangelist F. A. Wirth of Petersburg, Illinois, has recently closed a successful campaign at Greencastle, Indiana, in the Bible Center Church, Rev. Paul Robinson pastor. The altar was filled time after time with people coming to confess sin and reconsecrate their lives to Christ. Nineteen came to accept Christ as Saviour. Many came to unite with the church. Over six hundred dollars was given the first afternoon for the building fund, in a service dedicating the new church. Large crowds attended all services and the last night extra chairs were used in the main auditorium.

Fehsenfeld-Bundy Team

Turon, Kansas, has had a revival! Though there are only 650 residents in this small Kansas town, yet this revival extended to surrounding towns. The power of God was manifested night after night as Evangelist Del Fehsenfeld brought the gospel message, with Mr. Harry Bundy leading the singing. Excerpts from Brother Fehsenfeld's letter follow:

"Ten churches joined in the effort. The town was almost destitute of evidence of spiritual life. . . . We started with about sixty in the first service and constantly increased until we had around 350. . . . We preached everywhere we could—in schools, stores and special meetings. We preached on the streets and in the fields. The Lord blessed and saved. People were absolutely void of a sin-consciousness. They were devoted to lodges, shows, etc. The Lord convicted. They fought but repentance was soon shown. During the entire meeting by special public surrender over two hundred walked the aisles to say, 'I am through with unequal yokes, shows, dances, smoking,' etc. In the neighborhood of 60 to 75 cards were signed as first-time professions of faith in various services we held. That was small. I believe we would have seen a couple of hundred had we been able to go on a fourth week. . . ."

Several of the cooperating pastors wrote how pleased they were with the results of the Fehsenfeld-Bundy revival.

Dr. G. E. Caskey, Pastor Evangelical United Brethren Church of Sylvia, Kansas, writes:

"Before the Lord brought Del Fehsenfeld to Turon, Kansas, it was one of the coldest, sin-hardened, non-spiritual church towns that I have seen in a long while. I have worked with the pastors of that town and with Evangelist Fehsenfeld for three weeks. I can truthfully say, with God as my witness, that the Spirit-filled, Devil-hating, sin-hitting messages have made an impression on those who have witnessed the manifestation of the Holy Spirit in these services. I have seen sinners repent and turn to God. I have seen church members through manifestation of the Holy Spirit be truly born again. I have seen Christians, those who were saved and redeemed, cast off their carnal and worldly garments and pledge with the help of God to live a Spirit-filled Christian life. Personally I can testify to the casting off of my lodge affiliations, through the conviction of the Holy Spirit, and drawing away from being unequally yoked together with them. I am thankful for what he has

done for me and particularly for these meetings. The Spirit has led me to renew a deeper prayer life with my God. Del Fehsenfeld is a man of God and of prayer. He truly trusts in God and has faith that I have never seen before."

The pastor of the Turon Methodist Church writes a word of appreciation to Evangelist Fehsenfeld:

"We appreciate your consecrated efforts to help us in our town. We recognize your honesty and courage. We confess that we admire them. Too, we realize that the church has gotten a great way away from the very emphasis which you use. It is refreshing to have our attention brought back to fundamental and basic principles. We believe that our own ministry will be strengthened thereby. Keep up your good work for the Lord Jesus. Blessings on you."

(Signed) Ray Bressler.

When the meeting closed at Turon, there was a unanimous vote for another meeting in six or nine months, and a committee was appointed to lay plans.

After the Turon, Kansas, meeting, Brothers Fehsenfeld and Bundy went to the St. Louis Park Baptist Church in St. Louis. There they saw 160 professions of faith and other additions to the church. This was Brother Fehsenfeld's second meeting there in a year. Last year over 200 were saved.

At this writing, Fehsenfeld is at the North Winston Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina. In a school service there last Tuesday, he saw 25 or 30 professions. In a shop service two adult negroes confessed Christ. Each night except one, they have witnessed decisions in the church. The crowds are increasing; the Holy Spirit is moving.

Evangelist William H. Rice

Evangelist William H. Rice, associated with THE SWORD OF THE LORD, had a fine meeting at the Twentieth Street Baptist Church, Huntington, West Virginia. The songleader in the men's class at the church, Mr. W. B. McClure, wrote under date of November 3:

"I just want to write and tell you how we appreciate and love your brother, Bill. He is with us in a soul-saving campaign, and I have never seen any man more earnest and zealous in the Lord's work than He. We have learned to love him for his consecrated life and frank, open, straight-from-the-shoulder messages. . . . He has the utmost confidence in the Lord, and has, I believe, the greatest talent for drawing word pictures of any one I ever saw. He can make you laugh and then it seems instantly make you cry. I love him because he is dead-earnest in his callings."

"We have had three fine evangelists in the last three years, but have had very little outward demonstration of God's power in either meeting. But Bill has been instrumental in us having the largest crowds we have had for a number of years. The young people are crazy about him. . . ."

We will give other results of this meeting later. Evangelist Bill Rice is at this moment in Springville, Pennsylvania.

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By the Editor

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Eating Supper in Heaven

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invitation of Jesus. The moment you honestly turn to Him and trust Him for forgiveness and salvation, your sins will be forgiven and you will be on your road to Heaven.

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Evangelist John R. Rice, Editor

The Sword of the Lord

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Dear Brother Rice:

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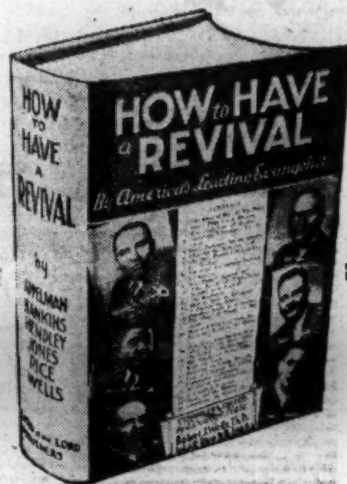
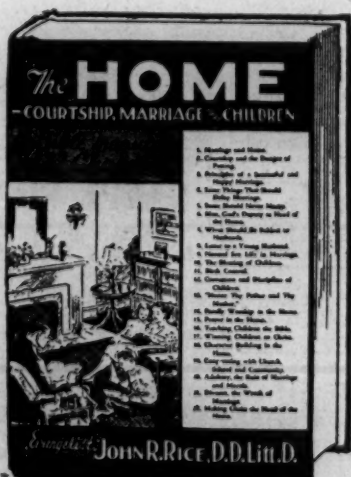
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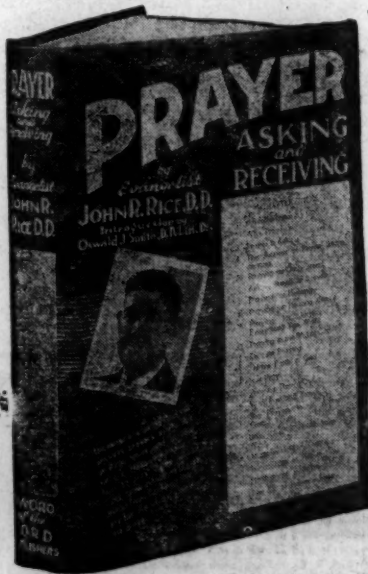


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